In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 14 and 15. The status of the claims is a follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A roaster for roasting coffee beans comprising:

a roasting chamber having a top and a bottom;

a cover seated on said top of said roasting chamber;

a base on which said bottom of said roasting chamber is seated;

a fan provided in said base for supplying hot airflow into said roasting chamber for heating coffee beans;

at least one air opening formed on said bottom for enabling said airflow to enter said roasting chamber;

a wind tunnel provided over said at least one air opening and having an inlet and an outlet for increasing the speed of said airflow in said roasting chamber as said airflow passes through and exits said wind tunnel; and

a coffee bean deflector positioned above said outlet of said wind tunnel for deflecting the coffee beans carried by said airflow exiting said wind tunnel.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The roaster as defined in claim 1 wherein said coffee bean deflector is attached to said bottom of said roasting chamber by an elongated post, and said wind tunnel is suspended from said deflector by a plurality of support arms.

4. (Original) The roaster as defined in claim 3 wherein said wind tunnel is spaced above said at least one opening to enable the coffee beans from said bottom of said roasting chamber to be carried into said wind tunnel by said airflow.

5. (Original) The roaster as defined in claim 4 wherein said wind tunnel has a generally cylindrical configuration and a diameter which substantially encompasses said at least one opening on said bottom of said roasting chamber.

6. (Currently Amended) The roaster as defined in claim 1 wherein said coffee bean deflector has a rounded top for preventing coffee beans from resting on a top of said deflector.

7. (Original) The roaster as defined in claim 1 wherein said wind tunnel is spaced above said openings to enable the coffee beans from said bottom of said roasting chamber to be carried into said wind tunnel by said airflow.

8. (Original) The roaster as defined in claim 7 wherein said wind tunnel has a generally cylindrical configuration and a diameter which substantially encompasses said at least one opening on said bottom of said roasting chamber.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for increasing airflow in a coffee bean roaster including a roasting chamber having a top and a bottom, a cover seated on the top of the roasting chamber, a base on which the bottom of the roasting chamber is seated, and at least one air opening formed on the bottom of the roasting chamber for enabling airflow to enter the roasting chamber from a fan provided in the base, said apparatus comprising:

a wind tunnel provided over the air opening and having an inlet and an outlet for increasing the speed of the airflow in said roasting chamber as the airflow passes through and exits said wind tunnel;

a plurality of support arms for suspending said wind tunnel above the at least one air opening on the bottom of the roasting chamber; and

a coffee bean deflector positioned substantially above said outlet of said wind tunnel for deflecting coffee beans carried by the airflow exiting said wind tunnel.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 9 wherein said deflector is attached to the bottom of the roasting chamber by an elongated post, and the wind tunnel is suspended from said deflector by said plurality of support arms.

12. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 11 wherein said wind tunnel is spaced above the opening to enable coffee beans from the bottom of the roasting chamber to be carried into said wind tunnel by the airflow.

13. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 12 wherein said wind tunnel has a diameter which substantially encompasses the opening on the bottom of the roasting chamber.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as defined in ~~claim 10~~ claim 9 wherein said coffee bean deflector has a rounded top for preventing coffee beans from resting on top of said deflector.

15. (Currently Amended) A roaster for roasting coffee beans, comprising:

a roasting chamber;

a fan for supplying heated airflow into said roasting chamber;

a cover seated on top of said roasting chamber;

at least one exhaust opening provided on said cover for allowing smoke from said roasting chamber to exit therefrom, while preventing coffee beans and chaff from escaping therethrough; and

a smoke vent attachment having a plurality of feet for engaging corresponding plurality of mounting holes formed on said cover to enable said vent attachment to be

removably mounted on said cover for receiving smoke exiting through said at least one exhaust opening on said cover, and a plurality of arms configured and adapted to enable said vent attachment to be removably connected to an opening of an elongated external vent pipe for channeling the smoke away from said roaster.

16. (Previously Presented) The roaster as defined in claim 15 wherein said smoke vent attachment includes a substantially cylindrical ring portion having a diameter which encompasses said at least one opening on said cover.

17. (Previously Presented) The roaster as defined in claim 16 wherein said plurality of arms are attached to and extend from a first end of said ring portion, and are configured to extend beyond a circumference of said ring portion.

18. (Previously Presented) The roaster as defined in claim 17 wherein said plurality of feet are attached to and extend from a second end of said ring portion.